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**From:** Bentleigh Bicycles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 July 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** LCSC  
**Subject:** Submission to the Fire Services Reform Select Committee

Good Afternoon Assistant Clerk Committees,

Re – Inquiry into the Firefighters Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017.

I am a Firefighter Level 2  
I have been with the MFB for nearly 3 years.  
I live in Parkdale and work for the MFB at Eastern Hill in Melbourne.

I am writing this submission in support of the proposed reform of the fire services for the following reasons;

It is important to have guaranteed backup. We need at least two trucks and at least 7 firefighters on every fire ground. The second truck is vital in assisting the first crew to find water supply, running extra hoses and also to provide a second crew to go into the house or factory fire wearing Breathing Apparatus. This can be to assist with the crew evacuating patients or to provide a crew to rotate when a change of cylinders is needed.

The reform areas are now highly urbanised and highly residential. These 35 integrated stations are now in primary response areas. I can see no effect on volunteer brigades or bushfire response.

The reform will help with standardising of training for recruits plus training for specialist equipment.

The reforms will result in better community safety and protection.

Yours Sincerely,

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